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BLAINE'S RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Blaine has fired the great gun in the Senate, and the smoke has cleared away and not much damage seems to have resulted from it. A large number of his own party seem to have considered his action untimely, and indeed were studiously inattentive while it was delivered. The Democrats received it with marked attention, and gave it a scrutiny which reduced its argument to a very ragged condition. Those who were really interested with it were in the galleries of the Senate, and it was rather a damper upon their ardor that the speech was carefully read from a manuscript instead of being thundered out in the declamatory vein of the would-be Demosthenes from Maine.

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Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report to the Senate whether the rights of American citizens were violated in any of the States of the Union; whether the rights of suffrage of the colored people were denied or abridged by the action of the legislatures, courts, or the people of any of the States of the Union; and whether the rights of the colored people were denied or abridged by the action of the legislatures, courts, or the people of any of the States of the Union.

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Now in comparing these resolutions with the speech in which they were recommended to the Senate, it is remarkable that the resolutions and the speech occupy quite different positions. The resolutions look to violations of the sanctity of the ballot box all over the United States; the speech confines its scrutiny to alleged violations thereof in the South. Any Senator North or South could freely and conscientiously vote for the resolutions, but the speech must be resented by any Southern man as a slander of his section and a flagrant attack upon its representation in the National Legislature.

The speaker could scarcely propose such an assault upon his fellow-citizens without some basis of alleged fact, and it is interesting to notice that he does not say a word about that magazine of misrepresentation on which the President relied in framing his message, the reports of the partisan Southern press, or the reports of the non-partisan press, quoting, however, no non-partisan journal in defense of his allegations. He seems to be conscious that this is rather a flimsy foundation for his stupendous superstructure, and he brings in his favorite assumption that no negro, unless intimidated, can vote otherwise than Radical. Here it is:

Next in prominence to the Blaine resolutions among measures before Congress is a bill introduced by Senator Edmunds for counting the electoral vote in Presidential elections. The avowed purpose of the Senator is to prevent such dangerous collisions of party as resulted from the complications of the last election. But Senator Edmunds had a large share in devising the electoral bill which defrauded Tilden of his election, and he is now proposing to count the electoral vote in Presidential elections. The avowed purpose of the Senator is to prevent such dangerous collisions of party as resulted from the complications of the last election.

It is provided in the sixth section of the proposed bill that, if only one certificate of election is sent in from a State, the vote is certified shall be counted unless rejected by both Houses of Congress, but that if two conflicting certificates are sent from one State, then the vote of that State shall not be received unless both Houses concur in admitting it. Coming from such hands as these, which have constructed it, we have here a very palpable contrivance for disfranchising the many Democratic States as may be necessary in order to elect a Republican President.

It is not our present purpose to refute either the allegations or the arguments of Mr. Blaine in this paper; for some weeks we have been discussing the matters he treats of. Mr. Thurman thought it worth while to answer some of them in his speech, but his efficient answer was contained in the additional resolution which he offered as an amendment, of which the following is the text:

The committee shall also inquire whether any citizen of any State has been denied or deprived of any right or privilege by reason of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude, and whether any such denial or deprivation has been authorized or countenanced by any law, ordinance, resolution, or official action of any State, Territory, or Federal officer, and whether any such denial or deprivation has been authorized or countenanced by any law, ordinance, resolution, or official action of any State, Territory, or Federal officer.

Just at the time when a new Governor and a large number of candidates seeking appointments commences operations, and men are importuned for letters or signatures recommending this or that candidate for office. We are convinced that much evil is done by the loose way in which such recommendations are granted. Men will sign petitions for the appointment of an applicant without knowing anything about him, just to avoid the unpleasant duty of saying no. Sometimes people justify themselves in doing this by saying that the names already signed are such as are sufficient security against improper recommendations. "Governor, Senator, Professor, etc., as you do. And even if they have not signed, they are such as are sufficient security against improper recommendations."

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your signing is not a certificate of their conscientiousness (which, if they are good men, they do not need), but a testimony of your own belief where you really have no belief in the matter. The evil of this practice is two-fold. It is not only that improper candidates get offices through such recommendations, but men who really deserve them get no benefit from them. A candidate who takes up with him the recommendations of conscientious and competent judges is no better off than another, because so universal is the practice of indiscriminate recommendation that no one is influenced by the best of testimonials, thinking that all are obtained in some honest, unreflecting manner. It has long been a rule of practice, where an applicant for our recommendation is unknown to us, to refuse and give our reasons. A reasonable man will not be offended at such a refusal and, if an unreasonable one is, it does not signify.

SENATOR BLAINE receives cold sympathy from his own party in his onslaught on Southern representation. Some of the leading Republican Senators seem to be willing to serve on his committee. Messrs. Hoar, Davis and Howe have already declined to do so, and strange to say, Mr. Blaine himself has refused to act. Is it possible that the Senator has discovered, what Garfield so plainly hinted to him, that he has made a mistake of the first magnitude?

COCKING denies that he desires the Presidential nomination, prefers Grant.

At a full, prolonged and earnest meeting of this Board, held yesterday, many points of importance connected with the future workings of the Board were discussed.

Dr. Daniel E. Wright, of Clarksville, was recommended to Senator Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Yellow Fever, as a most suitable person from Tennessee to serve on the Commission as an expert.

Several committees were appointed to perfect such preparations to publishing the first biennial report of the Board, and also for the drafting of laws to be presented to the Legislature to render the Board more efficient in protecting the State from invasions of epidemics.

As a subdivision of the General Report upon Epidemics, an able and exhaustive "Report upon the Sanitary Necessities of Memphis and the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1878" was presented by Dr. R. B. Hays, of Memphis, before the President Plunkett, - *Nash, American.*

Our first intimation of the above flattering recommendation from the State Board of Health, was the reading of it in the American. We are unaware who it is to whom we are indebted for the unexpected compliment, but thank them cordially for it; it is the more welcome from having been entirely spontaneous and unsolicited.

TOBACCO 1.00 and 3.00 dollars. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc., comprising cheap at V. L. Williams.

DI. E. B. HASKINS.

Those who remember this eminent Clarksville physician—and who among our old inhabitants does not remember him?—will be pleased to peruse the following record of one of his scientific opinions preserved by a Clarksville gentleman now resident in Texas:

The late Dr. E. B. Haskins, of Clarksville, Tennessee, was the first to give anything like a satisfactory explanation of Indian summer.

Believing that aqueous mists, dry fogs, and other like hypotheses, were inadequate to explain the natural evolution, as a better and more plausible solution. This is his idea: At the first coming of frost, the particles of leaves, grass, weeds and other vegetable matter all over the North American Continent begin to decay.

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Ancient Advent Hymn.

The four weeks preceding the Christmas festival constituted in the Christian Church a season known by the name of Advent, during which the thoughts of the Christian were directed to two kindred topics, preparation for the festive commemoration of Christ's first coming to save, and for the reverent anticipation of his second coming as the judge of mankind. We have several times hitherto given to our readers our attempts at translating the old hymns used in these sacred services of the Church, and now lay before them a judgment hymn translated from the old Latin hymn commencing—

Creator altis sidibus,
Dei Lord and Maker of the skies,
The true believer's light inspiring,
Redeemer, best his life redeeming—
Who for his Lord are faintly crying—
Then who, led by Satan's scheming,
Have wandered from his path of light,
A quickening power, his life redeeming,
Alone our souls, restore our light.

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School Discipline.

We took occasion week before last commenting upon the disorders in Southside county to urge the necessity of a wise and firm school discipline as the only means of correcting the tendency to lawlessness and self assertion, which is the prevailing vice of society more or less in the present day. In looking over our paper we observed that our portion of it calls for explanation. We denounced expulsion as the very worst remedy in the case of turbulent resistance to authority, and recommended severe punishment in the school, corporal if necessary, as a substitute. All this we reaffirm as our rooted opinion, but it may be, and perhaps has been, misunderstood. We may be understood to condemn the teacher or school authorities whenever an expulsion or removal from school takes place, we are very far from it. We believe that where expulsion is necessary it is generally more the fault of the parent than of the teacher or the scholar. Where the parent co-operates with the school authorities and studies them, and inculcates at home the principle of order and submission to law, premeditated resistance on the part of a scholar is a thing so rare that it may be set aside as one of the exceptions which proves the rule. But observe, it is premeditated resistance, defiant pertinacity which we speak of, those minor infractions of discipline which arise from impulse come of course under a different category and are to be differently dealt with; but must never be passed over, it is the neglect of them in their beginnings which afterwards necessitates severe punishment. It will be supposed from all this that we are in favor of severe and frequent corporal punishments; it is just the reverse with us, we go so far as to say that any school in which the rod is constantly at work is a bad school from one or other of two causes—the teacher is inefficient or he is not duly sustained by the parents. Let us be practical. You will say, would you have a boy whipped for throwing a pen at a schoolmate, or for pinching his neighbor, or for talking to him? As a general thing it would, of course, be a barbarism to do so; but the least of these things may be done in such a way as to call forth prompt and vigorous chastisement. Take an instance. A boy commits one of these offenses, it is his first, he must by no means be passed over on that account; give an admonition with a slight punishment, a mark against him, for instance, in his department report; but suppose he repeats it, he must now understand that it is looked upon as a serious offense it must receive punishment, confinement after school, for instance, with a warning that no further trifling with the matter will be tolerated. Now with nineteen boys out of twenty that will end the thing; but with the twentieth it won't. We will now take him to the rear end of the building and center corner is crowded with lamps, lamp fixtures, house-furnishings, and every conceivable article that can be thought of for the kitchen and dining-room. The show by gas light is simply grand. We observe, too, that on the various lines of goods are from twenty-five to fifty per cent. lower than twelve months ago, and especially in the whole line of goods. We observe, too, that on the various lines of goods are from twenty-five to fifty per cent. lower than twelve months ago, and especially in the whole line of goods. We observe, too, that on the various lines of goods are from twenty-five to fifty per cent. lower than twelve months ago, and especially in the whole line of goods.

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Cook's New Building in Stock.

We copy the following notice of the Cooke Bros. from the Tobacco Leaf of the 12th inst.

The enterprise of the Cooke brothers, deserves fuller mention than we have heretofore given. They are the builders of several handsome residences in the city, during the present year have erected their elegant queensware and jewelry establishment on the burnt site, and are now about completing a very handsome brick residence on fifth street, opposite the Methodist church, for rent, which is one of the most attractive buildings in that vicinity and well adapted for a law office, or for a residence. Mr. Geo. E. Cooke is one of the best builders in the city. He seems to have a taste for it, and delights in designing and constructing buildings. He is his own architect, superintends and manages for him, and is thereby able to build cheaper than most of men. The great building just completed and occupied by the firm, is unsurpassed by any in the city for beauty, and skilled workmanship. This was the design of Mr. George Cooke, who employed his mechanical skill, and his superior taste in the structure in person. This house fronts 23 ft. 7 in. on Franklin street, extending back 135 feet, and is just in the heart of the business center. It is three stories above ground and two below, making five stories of good business rooms. The lower basement or cellar, from the natural decline of the ground, open on the back alley and is made a reception room for goods, from which they are carried to either room desired by a large elevator. The first basement is used for a packing room and storage of queensware, etc., in original packages, also in the cellar is the hot air furnace, by which the entire building is heated. The upper rooms are used for the storage and sale of various character of goods in the house-furnishing line. The front is of iron, beautiful stone finish, ornate and window caps, solid glass windows, heavy walnut and maple frames, doors, counters, shelving. All of the inside ornamental work is of choice mahogany and maple lumber, which grew in Montgomery county, and was also sawed and worked here under Mr. Geo. Cooke's supervision. The house is decidedly a home structure and is not to be surpassed in beauty of style and finish. It has also one of the best fire proof vaults that we have seen, but it is up solid from the ground to the main floor, beneath the stairway that enters between Cook & Hendricks in which costly jewelry, watches and silverware are deposited for safe keeping. Customers of the house cannot fail to admire the fine taste, judgment and enterprise of the Cooke's in this fine building. But unless one stops to examine the skilled workmanship, oiled counters, etc., the beauties of the building will be lost sight of, in admiration of the precious things stored in the show-cases and on the shelves. A rare selection of jewelry of every description, watches, clocks, silver ware, cutlery, glassware, etc., occupying the left side, and all manner of beautiful vases, elegant china sets, queensware, toys, dolls, and hundreds of articles we cannot list by name, while the rear end of the building and center corner is crowded with lamps, lamp fixtures, house-furnishings, and every conceivable article that can be thought of for the kitchen and dining-room. The show by gas light is simply grand. We observe, too, that on the various lines of goods are from twenty-five to fifty per cent. lower than twelve months ago, and especially in the whole line of goods. We observe, too, that on the various lines of goods are from twenty-five to fifty per cent. lower than twelve months ago, and especially in the whole line of goods.

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